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FOR TITLE III QUESTIONS

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Secure Rural Schools Project Solicitation
Public Invited to Submit Applications for Grant Money
Available under the
US Forest Service's Title III Program

CHEHALIS, WA – The public is invited to submit applications for Title III projects designed to improve National Forest lands and the rural economies of Lewis County. Applications must be received by Friday, **April 16, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.** Lewis County is requesting proposals for projects that might qualify for funding under Title III, Public Law 110-343.

Eligible activities are restricted to the following:

...excerpt from P.L. 110-343, 302(a) –

- (1) to carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;
- (2) to reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting, that are-
 - (A) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved under subsection (b);
 - (B) paid for by the participating county; and
- (3) to develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concerned.” (emphasis added.)

There is approximately **\$150,000** of funding available for eligible projects each year. The Board of Commissioners may award some or all of this allocation and may fund one project or several smaller projects and are requesting projects be submitted for 2010.

Project proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on 4/16/2010. Submit projects proposals to Lewis County Commissioners Office, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 on forms provided by the County. Applications are available on Lewis County's webpage: <http://www.lewiscountywa.gov>. For additional information about the Federal Forest Payments Program, contact Sheila Unger, Board Administrator at (360)740-1391 or visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs/>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What are Title III projects?

Title III. Title III projects are managed by the County and must fall into at least one of the following categories: Firewise Communities, search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting that are performed on Federal land and paid for by the participating county and to develop community wildfire protection plans.

Title III funds are administered by the County and do not require RAC oversight/approval. The Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has final approval on which projects receive funding. Additional information on Title III projects is available at the US Forest Service's web site at link <http://www.fs.fed.us/payments/QandA.pdf>.

Is this a loan we would have to pay back? Do I have to match the grant with a percentage of my organization's funds?

The answer is "No" on both accounts. Matching grant funds is not required, but is encouraged. Projects will be evaluated based on an organization's demonstrated commitment to a project. A cash and/or in-kind support is encouraged.

This sounds like a great grant opportunity, how do I apply?

Grant application forms are available by going to the web link: <http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/forest-administration/county-payments/> and then scrolling down to the section, "Project Submission Forms." Here applicants will find the required project submission forms in downloadable MS Word and RTF formats. Instructions for filling out the Title III instructions, call the Board Administrators phone number listed below.

Applicants for Title III funds are encouraged to submit their forms electronically. Email your Title III submissions to Sheila Unger, Lewis County BOCC, sheila.unger@lewiscountywa.gov. For submissions that are not available electronically such as maps, diagrams, etc. applicants should mail or fax them to the applicable address below:

Title III

Sheila Unger, Lewis County
351 NW North St.
Chehalis, WA 98532
(360) 740-1391 Fax: (360) 740 1475

Still have questions?

Should an applicant have any questions about the Title III program, feel free to contact, Sheila Unger, Lewis County Board Administrator, at 360-740-1391.

(FORM ATTACHED BELOW)

Lewis County – 2011 Project Requests

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 As Amended and Re-Authorized by Public Law 110-343 Title III Project Submission Form

1. Project Name:	2. Date Submitted:
3. Project Sponsor:	
4. Contact Person / Title:	
5. Sponsor's Mailing Address:	
6. Sponsor's Telephone No.:	
7. Sponsor's Fax No.:	
8. Sponsor's E-mail:	
9. Signature of Sponsor or Sponsor's Representative:	

10. Project Location (attach project area map; reproducible in black and white, 8 ½" x 11" format)	
a. Watershed Name:	
b. Location: Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
c. BLM District:	d. BLM Resource Area:
e. National Forest:	f. Forest Service District:
g. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

11. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

12. Project Description:

13. Will this project be coordinated with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, then describe.

14. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec 302(a)(1)-(3)]

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☐ Search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting that are performed on federal land and paid for by Lewis County. [Sec 302(a)(2)]

☐ Development of community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the Secretary. [Sec 302 (a)(3)]

15. Estimated Completion Date:

16. Current Status of Project: Is the project ready to proceed? If the project is not ready to proceed, describe what must be done before the project is ready and estimate a start date.

17. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> State Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

18. Anticipated Project Costs:	
a. Total County Title III Funds Requested: \$ _____	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by calendar year.	
c. 2011 Request:	\$ _____

19. Project Cost Analysis

(Complete Table 1 or Table 2 whichever is most appropriate for the project.)

Table 1
Project Budget

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
Item	County Title III Contribution Request	Other Contributions (identify in Section 20 below)	Total Available Project Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys			
b. Project Design & Engineering			
c. Contract Preparation			
d. Contract Administration			
e. Contract Cost			
f. Labor Cost			
g. Materials & Supplies			
h. Monitoring			
i. Permits, if required			
j. Other			
k. Other			
l. Project Subtotal:			
m. Indirect Costs (overhead)			
n. Total Cost Estimate:			

Table 2

Project Budget

Project Budget Detail Item	Title III Request	Applicant Contribution	Other Contributions (identify in Section 20 below)	Total Amounts
Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fringe Benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$
Travel	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$	\$	\$
Supplies	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contractual	\$	\$	\$	\$
Construction	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Direct Charges	\$	\$	\$	\$
Indirect Charges (agency overhead)	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Cost Estimate	\$	\$	\$	\$

20. Identify source(s) of other funding for the project; state if cash or in-kind.

21. Project Benefits.

a. How does the project improve cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands and federal management agencies?

21. Project Benefits.

b. How does the project make additional investments in, or create additional employment opportunities that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, or restore and improve land health and water quality on federal forest lands?

21. Project Benefits.

c. How does the project benefit the community?

22. Is the project coordinated with a Title II project or other federally funded project?

If yes, please explain:

23. Measurement / Evaluation. What methods and measures of evaluation will be

established to determine how well the proposed project meets the project goals and objectives?

24. Project Dynamics. Provide other information and describe special or unique features of the project that merit attention.

25. PROJECT WORK PLAN

List the tasks and time frame,
Name individual(s), consultant(s), organization(s) responsible for the project.

Table III

<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Time Frame—Dates</u>	<u>Responsible Party/Name</u>

Return completed Project Submission form to:

Sheila Unger, Board Administrator
Lewis County Commissioners
351 NW North Street – 2nd Floor
Chehalis, WA 98532

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